

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1064

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LCO No. 4121



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by: (PH)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN NURSING HOMES BY CERTAIN NURSE'S AIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2013) For purposes of this
- 2 section "nursing home" has the same meaning as provided in section
- 3 19a-490 of the general statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of
- 4 chapter 378 of the general statutes, a registered nurse may delegate the
- 5 administration of medications that are not administered by injection to
- 6 nurse's aides who have obtained certification for medication
- 7 administration, unless the prescribing practitioner specifies that a
- 8 medication shall only be administered by a licensed nurse. The
- 9 Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in accordance
- with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to provide for the certification
- 11 for medication administration for nurse's aides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 October 1, 2013 New section

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## Statement of Purpose:

To allow a registered nurse to delegate the administration of medication to patients in nursing homes to a nurse's aide who is certified in medication administration.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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